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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I WILL BE GLAD TO FURNISH YOU WITH COMPLETE DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCE NUMBERS IF YOU WISH. I MERELY SENT THE MATERIAL ALONG WHICH WAS OUTSTANDING.

IF YOU CHECK MY LETTER I DID NOT THEORIZE ABOUT THE MATERIAL I SENT. ALTHOUGH THE CIA IS CITED QUITE A BIT, I DREW NO CONCLUSIONS. I AM AWARE THAT THE CIA, ALTHOUGH CAPABLE OF KILLING JFK (OR ANYONE) COULD NEVER, ALONE, SUCCESSFULLY COVER IT UP FOR 15 YEARS. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD ASSUME I WAS TAKING A POSITION AGAINST THE CIA AS THE CULPRITS, BUT THE FACT THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE MOSTLY CIA-ORIENTED WAS COINCIDENTAL.

AS FAR AS THE 201 FILE IS CONCERNED, I WAS JUST TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHO'S TELLING THE TRUTH - THE CIA OR THE EX-AGENTS.

YOUR POINT THAT THE FBI'S SPECULATION THAT THE AMMO WAS CIA-ORDERED DOES NOT MAKE IT SO, IS WELL-TAKEN. (WHO ELSE WOULD WANT ALL THOSE 6.5 MM ROUNDS THOUGH?) THAT DOCUMENT DOES CONTRADICT THE WARREN REPORT'S CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS "CURRENTLY" BEING MANUFACTURED. IT ALSO CONTRADICTS WESTERN'S 1965 REPLY TO A CRITIC THAT THE AMMO WAS MADE LAST IN 1944. THIS DOCUMENT SAYS 1954. I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE COMPANY

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FOR CLARIFICATION.

THE HSCA SHOWED ITS TRUE COLORS THIS WEEK BY ITS PROSECUTION STANCE TOWARDS RAY. AN IRISH PUBLICATION CLAIMS THAT THE HSCA WILL SAY RAY'S ONLY ACCOMPLICE WAS HIS BROTHER, JERRY. ALSO THAT OSWALD WAS ALONE BUT FIRED ONLY TWO SHOTS, NOT THREE. IF TRUE, WHAT A MESS (AND A DISGRACE). MR. LANE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CAUSTIC INDIVIDUAL, BUT THEY HATE HIM. WHEW!

IF YOU GET A CHANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO EXPLAIN ONE MATTER FOR ME. YEARS AGO YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD FOUND A LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE 1ST TRAMP'S FACE AND THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF THE SUSPECT WANTED IN KING'S CASE. YOU DID NOT ELABORATE AND I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A PEST TO YOU. (HOWEVER IT'S BEEN EATING AT ME SINCE THE DAY I GOT YOUR LETTER, PROBABLY 5 OR 6 YEARS). SINCE YOU REJECT THE TRAMPS ALTOGETHER I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU FOUND OUT.

YOU SAY THERE ARE OTHER MAUSER REFERENCES IN THE CIA RECORD. I KNOW OF A 7.35MM CIA MAUSER DOCUMENT, BUT THAT'S ALL BESIDES THE ONE I SENT TO YOU.

I KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL KEEP YOU BUSY. I DO NOT WANT TO INTRUDE UPON

YOU. THEREFORE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO REPLY EXCEPT WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO DO SO. I ONLY HOPE THAT AT SOME TIME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.

IF I CAN BE OF HELP TO YOU, JUST ASK. I AM CORRESPONDING WITH RESEARCHERS ALL OVER AND I KEEP UP WITH PERIODICALS AND BOOKS AS THEY APPEAR. IF YOU NEED OR WANT AN UPDATE ABOUT ANYTHING THAT ESCAPES YOU DUE TO YOUR SCHEDULE, I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP OUT. (FOR EXAMPLE I AM CORRESPONDING WITH FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS DR. CHARLES WILBER AND DR. JOHN NICHOLS. I'LL BE GLAD TO INFORM YOU OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS I.E. NICHOLS' NAA STUDY OF THE FBI'S LAB NOTES SOON BE FINISHED).

Sincerely,
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